Share of Shipping Industry In Transportation of Goods

944. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present and projected share of shipping industry in transportation of goods;

(b) the details of major problems being faced by the shipping industry; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to resolve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) The present share of shipping industry in transportation of goods is around 33.6%. The projected share is 40%.

(b) and (c) The major problems being faced by the shipping industry, both in public and private sector, as projected by the Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA) are as under:—

(i) Medium term loan finance for shipping companies under self-liquidating finance scheme.

(ii) Setting aside a part of country's foreign exchange reserves for boosting of Natonal Shipping Tonnage.

(iii) Enhancement of depreciation from 20% to 25% of cost of the 'ships on written down value basis.

(iv) Exemption from interest tax on domestic borrowings for acquisition of ships.

(v) Amendment of Section 33 AC of the Income Tax Act.

(vi) Amendment of Section 80 IA of Income Tax Act.

(vii) Amendment of Section 194-C of Income Tax Act.

(viii) Income Tax relief to floating staff personnel.

(ix) Exemption from customs duty on imported spares and stores for use of coastal ships; and

(x) Amendment to Section 76 of the Merchant Shipping Act to give enabling powers to the Director General of Shipping to specify manning scale for different categories of ships on the basis of various International Conventions and Practices.

The Government has set up a Committee in September, 1995 under the aegis of the National Shipping Board to look into the various requirements of the shipping industry and to furnish its recommendations. The Committee has to submit its report within a period of 6 months.

प्रमुख पत्तनों से आय

945. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को कांडला, तूतीकोरिन, मद्रास, बंबई कोचीन और देश के अन्य पत्तन न्यासों से प्रतिवर्ष कितनी आय होती है,

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान इन प्रमुख पत्तनों पर कितनी बार तस्करी का सामान पकड़ा गया,

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान इन प्रमुख पत्तनों पर कितनी बार तस्करी का सामान पकड़ा गया,

(घ) तस्करी के मामले में लिप्त पाये गए पत्तन-न्यासों के कर्मचारियों और अधिकारियों के विरूद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई, और

(ड.) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम.राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) सरकार को महापत्तन न्यासों से कोई आय प्राप्त नहीं होती । पत्तन न्यासों द्वारा अर्जित आय पतन न्यास के पास ही रहती है ।

(ख) महापत्तन न्यासों की प्रचालन आय के पत्तन-वार ब्यौरे, जिसमें वित्त और विविध आय भी